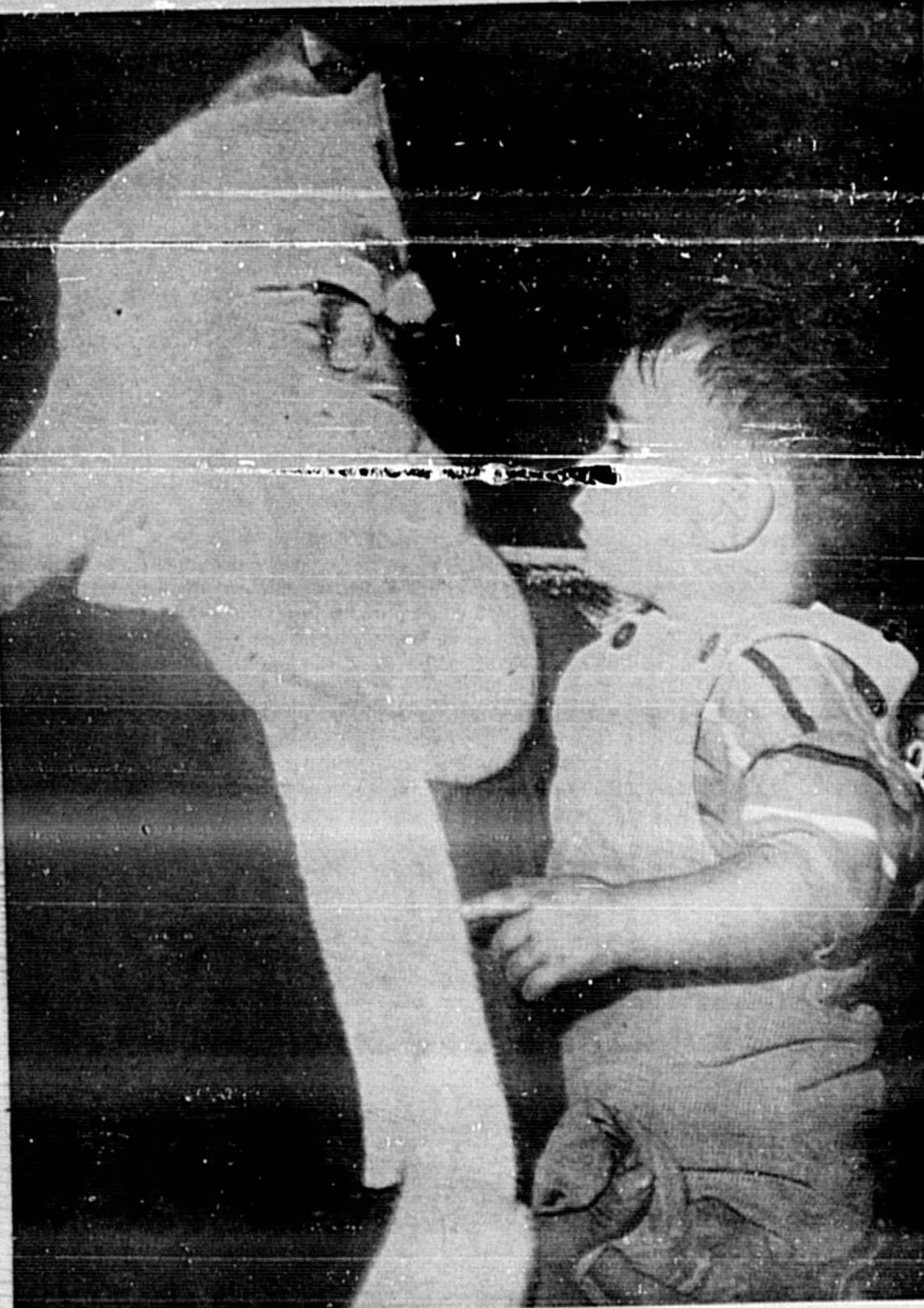


Two Senior Coast Guard Officers Retire To Escape Courts Martial



"WHO ARE YOU?" wonders tiny Kevin Porter as he gazes at Santa Claus in Webb's Longwood Drug Store.

By TOM BRADY, Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Two senior Coast Guard officers have taken retirement rather than face court-martial for their part in the abortive deflection attempt of a Lithuanian sailor.
But the officers, Rear adm. William B. Ellis, 56, and Capt. Fletcher W. Brown Jr., 50, face a congressional committee next Tuesday in the case of would-be defector Simon I. Kudricka.
Russian seamen forcibly pulled Kudricka aboard their adjacent vessel after he jumped the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Vigilant in U.S. territorial waters off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., last month.
Rep. Wayne L. Hays called outrageous a decision Monday by Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe to let the officers retire and thus evade court-martial proceedings.
The Ohio Democrat said he wants Ellis and Brown to be held before his House foreign operations subcommittee to "find out what makes them tick like this." Brown was acting commander of the First Coast Guard District in Boston and Ellis, the commander, was on sick leave when Kudricka attempted defection.
A report of a formal Coast Guard investigation sharply criticizes the two officers and also declares the State Department "did not furnish... adequate, helpful or timely advice to deal properly with this defec-

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Polk To Renew Efforts For Police Academy

Sheriff John Polk said today he is still seeking the establishment of a state police training academy at Sanford Airport building 310.
Polk reiterated he would be at a static Cabinet meeting after Gov.-elect Reubin Askew is sworn into office the first of the year to renew his efforts to locate the training school here.
Local problems that prompted postponement of a site earlier by the cabinet were eliminated Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed an appeal from the state Supreme Court verdict holding that a \$1 surcharge may be levied by the state with the proceeds to be used to build an academy to train police.
From the decision to postpone deliberations for a site, Sanford was thought to be first among several applicants for the academy location because of the availability of a large former Navy barracks to be used to house the trainees.
William Reed, State Law Enforcement Bureau director, has been adamant in his desire to have the academy located at Tallahassee but other cities, including Sanford, have sought to obtain Cabinet approval for another site.
Dade County Sheriff Wilson Purdy has further complicated the matter of choosing a location by his insistence the state forget its plans to construct one central facility to serve all law agencies in favor of a plan whereby all regions be given funds for setting up their own schools in order to deal with enforcement problems peculiar to their own locale.
Sanford officials have attempted to lease the airport building to the state but recently announced a decision to lease the structure to the first firm acceptable to the city... AND I RESPECT THEIR WISHES.
This did not eliminate leasing to the state but did open the building for lease by other groups.

AROUND THE CLOCK
By JOHN A. SPOLSKI
It goes without saying... all of us are deeply involved sympathetically with the wives of the POW's. So, we don't "localize" on this aspect of the news, I hope you'd be able to appreciate that in talking with some of these wives, they prefer privacy... AND I RESPECT THEIR WISHES.
This is one area where conjecture on our part... or, for that matter, any newspaper... isn't pertinent.
Our prayers are offered to all of these stoic women and their children, and only wish that there was actually something more concrete that we could do to ease their burden.
I still can't get over it... that new Oviedo High School is "out-of-this-world"... and that gym! It beats its better than most of the universities and colleges anywhere in the state.
If you haven't seen it yet, make it a special effort to visit any one of the many new schools in Seminole County... and you'll not only be amazed, but proud as well.
Thanks, also, to the guided tour of the facilities by Athletic Director Ralph Stumpf, and coaches Dave Miller and Charles Webb.
Watch those Lions Go... and look for some solid area support from the folks living in that rapidly growing community, too.
Ooops, almost forgot to comment on one of the most remarkable musical aggregations I've ever heard. They belong to Oviedo... some of the guys and gals from the regular high school band who went out and organized still another group of their own called... "Joe's Rubber Band"... They're absolutely teeter-titter!

WEDNESDAY Headlines Inside THE HERALD
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There are indications of a slowdown in supply movements in North Vietnam since President Nixon warned Hanoi against bulldozing, Pentagon sources say. (Page 2A)
Around The Nation
Congress goes home for Christmas, leaving a legislative shambles behind it. (Page 2A)
Angela Davis, returned under heavy guard and secrecy, offered a clenched-fist salute on her way to jail in the courthouse where four men died in an escape attempt in which she is implicated. (Page 2A)
Sports World Thrillers
Lyman clinches Greyhound Classic; Oviedo advances to finals of Melbourne Christmas Invitational. (Page 1B)
Toledo, William and Mary arrive in Orlando to practice for Tangerine Bowl III. (Page 2B)
Statewide Developments
A spokesman for the Florida women whose husbands are prisoners of war in Southeast Asia said that the women are happy North Vietnam released the names of the 339 POWs. (Page 3A)
WEATHER - Please don't rub it in to your shivering friends up north, folks... but, yesterday's high 83 low 55.
Partly cloudy today and Thursday with a chance of showers tonight and Thursday.
High today 78 to 85 (wheel!) and low tonight in the 60s.
Temperatures reached the upper 70s in the Southeast, setting at least three new records Tuesday. The rest of the nation shivered in winter weather.
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'Placards Do Not Generate Money'

County Takes Dim View Of The Zoo

By MARION BETHEA
County interest in what has been termed by Commissioner Edward Yarborough as going into "the monkey and alligator business" in relation to the Sanford Municipal Zoo, has found varied opinions among the commissioners. At yesterday's meeting, a firm decision was reached concerning the zoo.
County Planner David Farr has been requested to ascertain if the zoo would be compatible with the concept of the Lake Monroe park site, recently approved by referendum. Farr told the board that in his opinion the zoo would blend in with this park concept, located between Sanford and I-4. Agreeing with this opinion is Harlan Hanson, professional planner.
In appraising the situation the commission questioned the zoo's value as an attraction. "It would blend in with the Lake Monroe park and Farr noted that it has a lot of merit as a park."
However, Chairman John Alexander stated that "if the majority of the board say they don't care how it looks on paper, then we don't (the county) want the zoo."
Alexander said that should the zoo be included in the park program it should be realized the \$15 million program will be utilized by citizens outside the county and will be largely a non-economic producing entity.
Commissioner Greg Dismmond expressed that he felt ac-

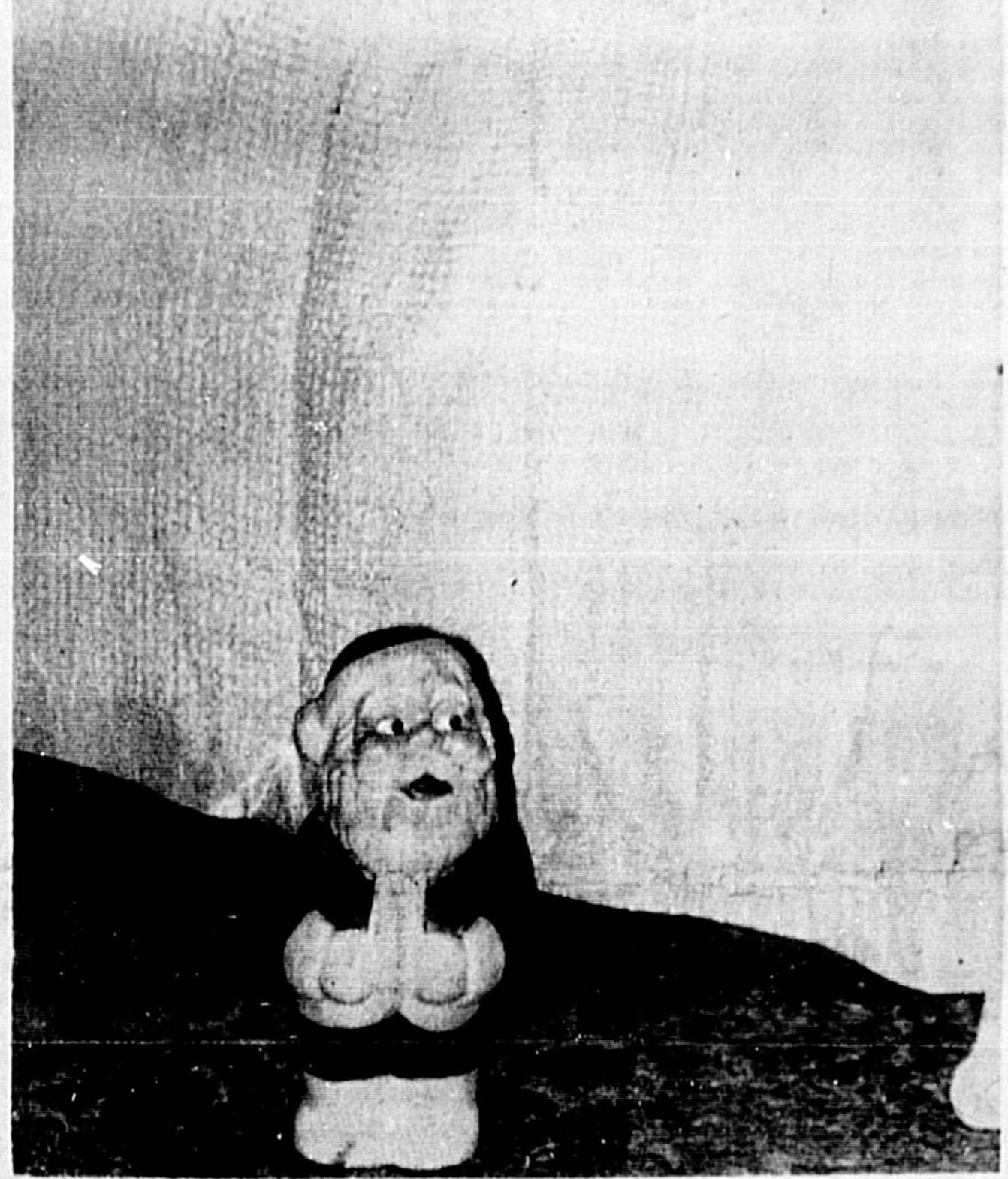
Burglars Strike It Rich

Burglars were active again last night in Seminole County and cash and property with a total value in the thousands of dollars was stolen in four reported incidents.
Tom Morse, operator of the Ideal Service Station on SR 436 at Forest City, reported the loss of \$1,500 in cash from the station. County Detective George Abgy is investigating.
The Henry Stevens home, located on Oregon Avenue just off SR 46, was entered by pry open the rear door. Several guns, a diamond ring and cash with a total estimated value of \$500 was removed.
Another entry occurred at Forest City when the Carl Nix home, located on Woodbury Drive, was entered by a burglar, who took an expensive stereo set, according to a report by Deputy Police Officer Nix. Nix was awakened at 2:30 a.m. today by noises made by the intruder leaving the house.
Deputy Hogan reported another burglary occurred at the Rolling Hills Country Club workshop, where an emery wheel, golf cart, pipe wrench and lapin machine, with a total value of over \$1,000, were stolen. Aris Capson, maintenance department supervisor, reported the theft.



Think Twice!

The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce again today issued a timely warning advising all citizens to be wary of high pressure telephone solicitations promising free prizes for contest winners, or gimmicks offering free magazine subscriptions if you will pay for the postage, etc. Also, the door to door solicitor—sometimes with a sympathetic appeal faking physical handicaps, or students working their way through college. The Chamber of Commerce does not endorse any type of telephone solicitation nor door to door high pressure selling.
In the event that you receive a phone call or a solicitor rings your bell:
(1) Be sure you are acquainted with the person you are talking with before discussing their proposition. They must have a city license and proper identification.
(2) If you are in doubt, call the Better Business Bureau at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, or City Hall, and inquire about the responsibility of the individual.
Finally, we point out that the local established merchants can provide any service or merchandise that is being offered by the solicitor.



HEY... LOOK WHO'S HERE ALREADY!

YEAH... BUT WHERE'S HIS BAG?... This was the reaction of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gorman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gorman. (Wonder if Santa will have better luck than our photographer in identifying which is which? Will the real Jason say, "Mama, I please?") (John A. Spolski Photo)

Loser Higginbotham Bows Out Of Politics

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The former commissioner was obviously shaken after the loss and left the Civic Center quietly to "get the verdict" from 1318 city voters.
On the other side of the center, jubilant Julian Stenstrom was accepting congratulations from a number of well-wishers, who crowded the hall to hear the results of the runoff. Higginbotham was high man in a three-man race that failed to produce a majority winner.

Julian Stenstrom Captures City Election



By BILL SCOTT
Julian Stenstrom, a political newcomer over veteran Earl Higginbotham in Tuesday's election to fill a seat on the Sanford City Commission.
Stenstrom appeared at City Commissioner Gordon Meyer's called mass meeting at the Sanford Zoo Saturday noon and vowed, if elected, to throw his support to the attraction. Higginbotham did not appear at the "zoo" in.
Stenstrom said today he was "very elated" over his victory and promised he would try "to do the best job possible for all the people."
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CONGRATULATIONS to Julian Stenstrom (left) just after Stenstrom won over Earl Higginbotham in a race for the City Commission. (Bill Scott Photo)

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a frothball helmet, some tracks, a wagon, farm house, a t.v. set, top roof bench, gun, ladder, chair, car, tractor, drum, robot, games, top, Yogi bear, view master, wrecker, crane, airplane, race car and track, rockets, record player, guitar, mickey mouse, horse, fort, peg board, cash register.
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Congress Off For Home On Brief Yule Holiday

By WALTER MEARS, Staff Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaving a legislative shambles behind for Christmas, the House and Senate will be off for the run-on 91st Congress by no means over.

Happy \$\$ Days \$\$

Area merchants for the most part are all smiles these days as sales soar and stores are filled with last minute Christmas shoppers.

St. Valentine, president of the Downtown Sanford Merchants Association, reports that there are many people shopping downtown and with stores being open late this week for the shoppers' convenience, he expects business to be good.

Meanwhile, at Sanford Plaza, Bill Boatner, president of the Sanford Plaza Merchants Association, was optimistic for a good Christmas business, which he described as "equal if not better than last year in spite of predictions otherwise."

Robert D. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton D. Clement, 2807 Grove Drive, is serving with Company D, 85th Engineer Battalion, in South Vietnam. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and combat engineer training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He attended Seminole High School before entering the Army last June.

County Frowns On Zoo

question of the park sites was the primary issue and further after this is accomplished that he would be in favor of leasing the park site for 21 years to a responsible zoological society.

WEDNESDAY BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET
If you can recall when one colored the margarine with a little capsule of yellow soap after it was purchased, you have a remarkable memory for your age.

Why are some of 'em called "cut-throat" servants?



STUDENT COUNCIL members sponsored a program to bring toys and food, given to the Salvation Army for the poor. A few of the council members at work include Ricky Zoretic, Chariene Eber-

Deposed Cambodian Prince's Son Arrested

Six Yanks Die In 'Copter Crash

SAIGON (UPI) — The U.S. Command today reported the loss of a helicopter and said six Americans died in the crash.

The Cambodian Command announced the arrest of the son of deposed Prince Norodom Sihanouk on a charge of terrorism.

City Plant For Sewage Due In '71

Eight Florida cities have been given 60 days starting today to come up with plans for meeting a 1974 state deadline for installing secondary sewage treatment facilities.

Reason Sanford was not included, according to B.C. Conklin, Clark-Deitz Associates engineer, is that the city is now preparing final plans for installing a secondary treatment stage at the city sewer plant.

Eight Win State Scholarships

Eight Seminole County college students have received Christmas presents from the State Education Department with the announcement of scholarship awards for preparation of teachers awards.

Murder Suspect At Scene

By DOUG WILLIS, Associated Press Writer
SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Angela Davis, flown across the continent under heavy guard and secrecy, was today at the scene where four died in a shooting she is accused of helping to plot.

The black and beautiful avowed Communist, scheduled for arraignment today in Superior Court, was placed in a jail cell Tuesday under the abandoned Marin County Civic Center, background of the killings last August.

Although not present at the shooting, she is charged with murder, kidnaping and conspiracy under state law holding accomplices equally guilty with those who actually carry out crimes.

GOPers To Head Board

Barring the scheduling of a specially called session, there will be no other Seminole County District School Board meeting until Jan. 5 when the body will meet in a 3 p.m. reorganization effort.

Breakthrough To Hanoi Seen By POW Wives

By TAD BARTIUS, Associated Press Writer
A spokesman for a group of Florida women whose husbands are prisoners of war in South Asia said Tuesday that the women are happy North Vietnam released the names of 339 POWs, but angry that the names were released to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

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Now You Know

By United Press International
Today is the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, with about nine hours and 15 minutes of sunlight across most of the United States.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, My name is Lisa. I am 8 years old. I have a brother, sister, and sister-in-law. Please send something very nice and useful to my brother and sister-in-law. Please bring something nice to my mom, dad and sister. We all have been pretty good. I want for Christmas a bike, a baby for my baby, a Barbie doll, a Christmas record, books of horses. There will be cake and milk for you. God bless you. Love, Lisa Hughes

Dear Santa Claus, Hi! I am 11 and I just had a birthday last month. So I don't think I'll get much for Christmas. Well, anyway I'd like a guitar, Doodle the Poedle, Talking Grandma, bell bottoms and others. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Love, Santa

Dear Santa, How are you doing up in the north? I would like these Christmas pajamas, pair of drum's jet, basketball and net, football, football uniform, boots (cowboy), gun with bullet and two holsters. I hope you are feeling better by now and will be out of the hospital for Christmas. I hope you and your little sister have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for the pretty pictures which you drew on your letter. I am sorry I can't give you my phone number, but it is unlisted and the operator won't tell me what it is. Love, Santa

Dear Santa, I want a mini bike, cowboy guns, and a cowboy hat and a boat with a string to pull around in the water. Thank you for all the toys I got last year. I'm going to leave you two cookies and coffee. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Santa

Dear Santa, I am 5 1/2 years old. My brother is 4. We have been pretty good boys this year. We would like: A Kenner SFP Racer, Romper Stompers, Some Cars and Trucks, and a Junior Boxer Striking Bag. My brother also wants a Silly Putty (Donald Duck, and balloons. Candy & Gum for both of us. Thank you Santa. We love you. David Asee and Danny. I'm glad you've both been good boys.

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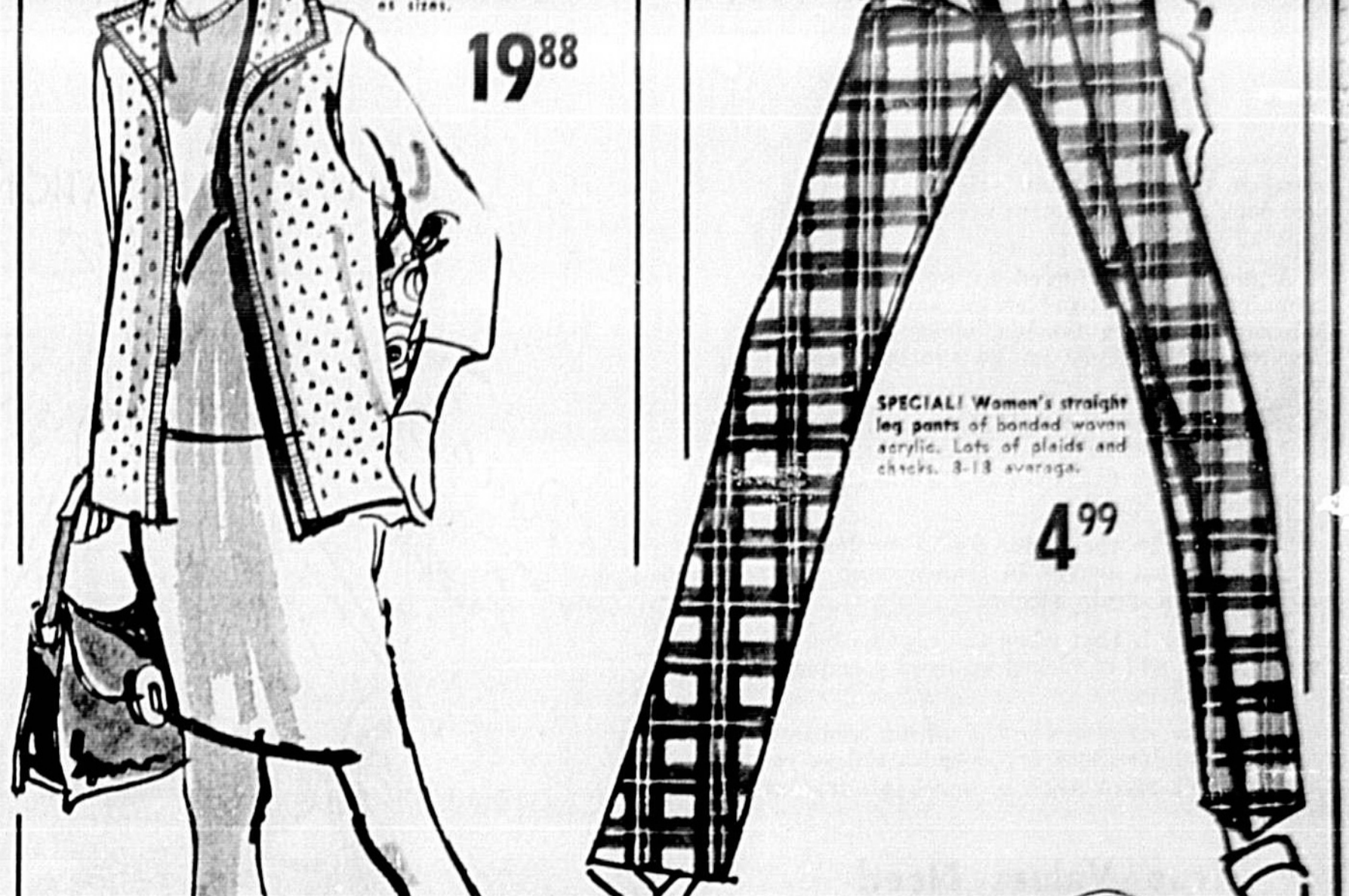
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ADMISSIONS
Sanford: James L. Smith, Howard Sutton, Louis James...

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Seminole Calendar

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Seminole Audubon Society, annual bird count; contact Mrs. Donald Morton, Geneva...

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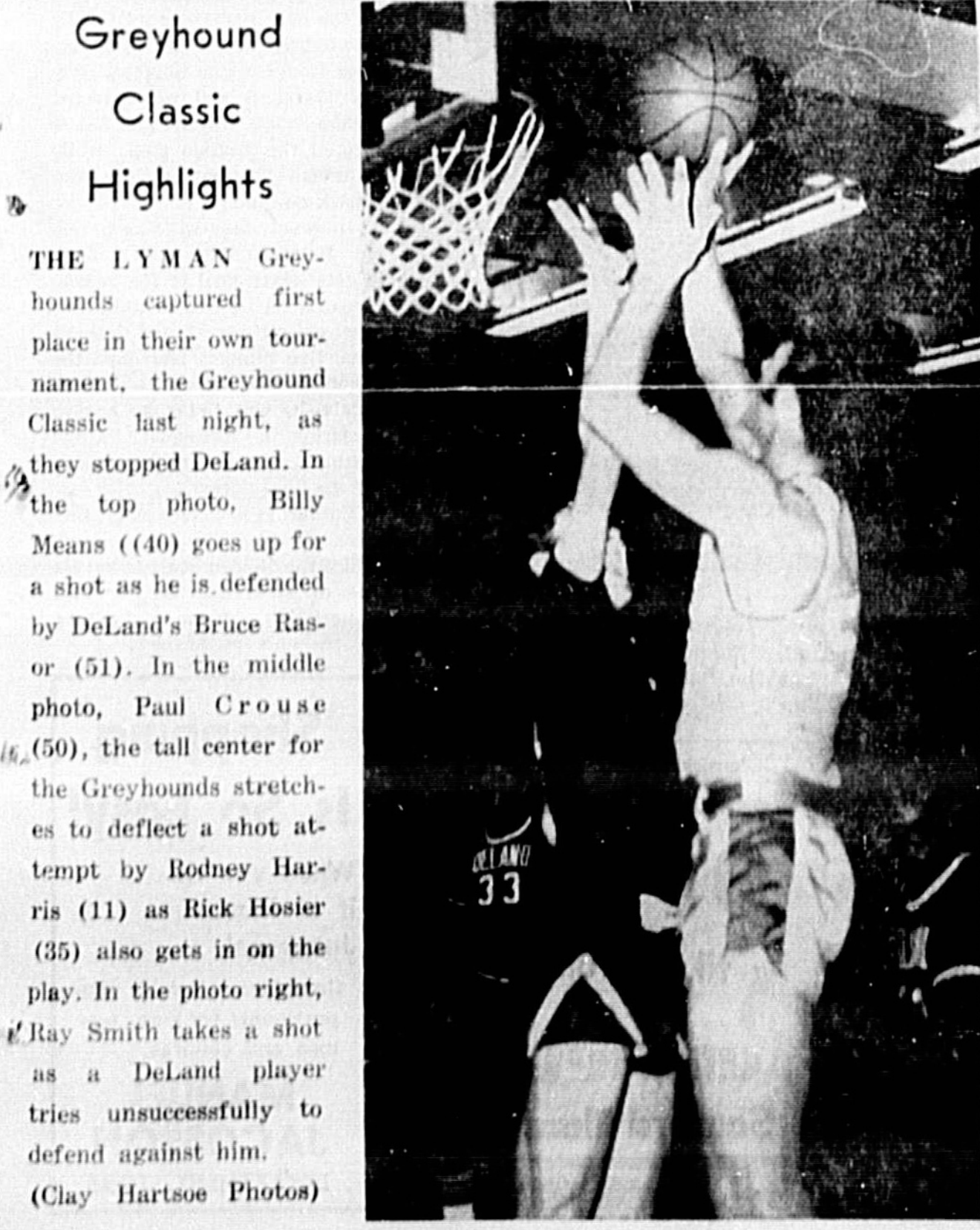
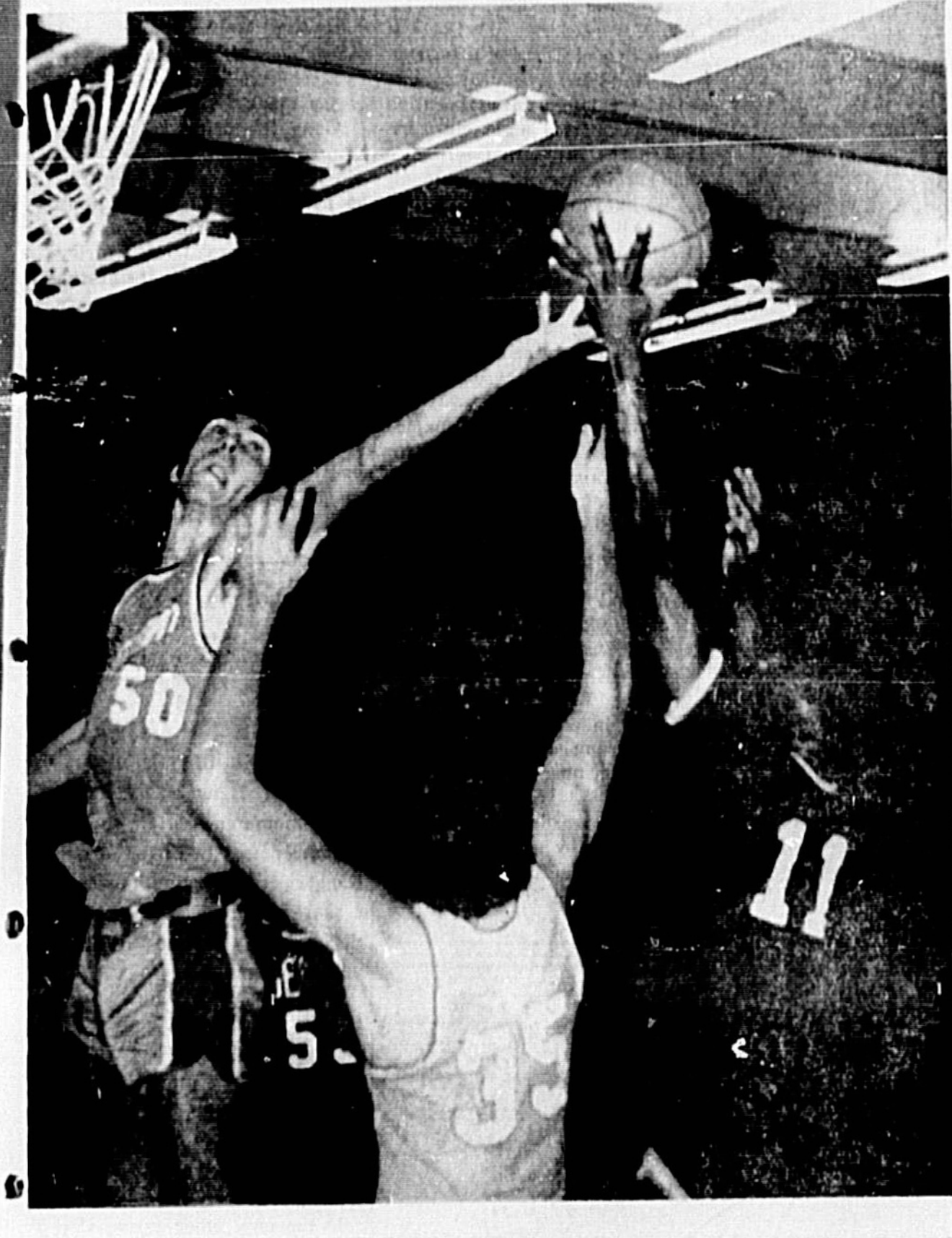
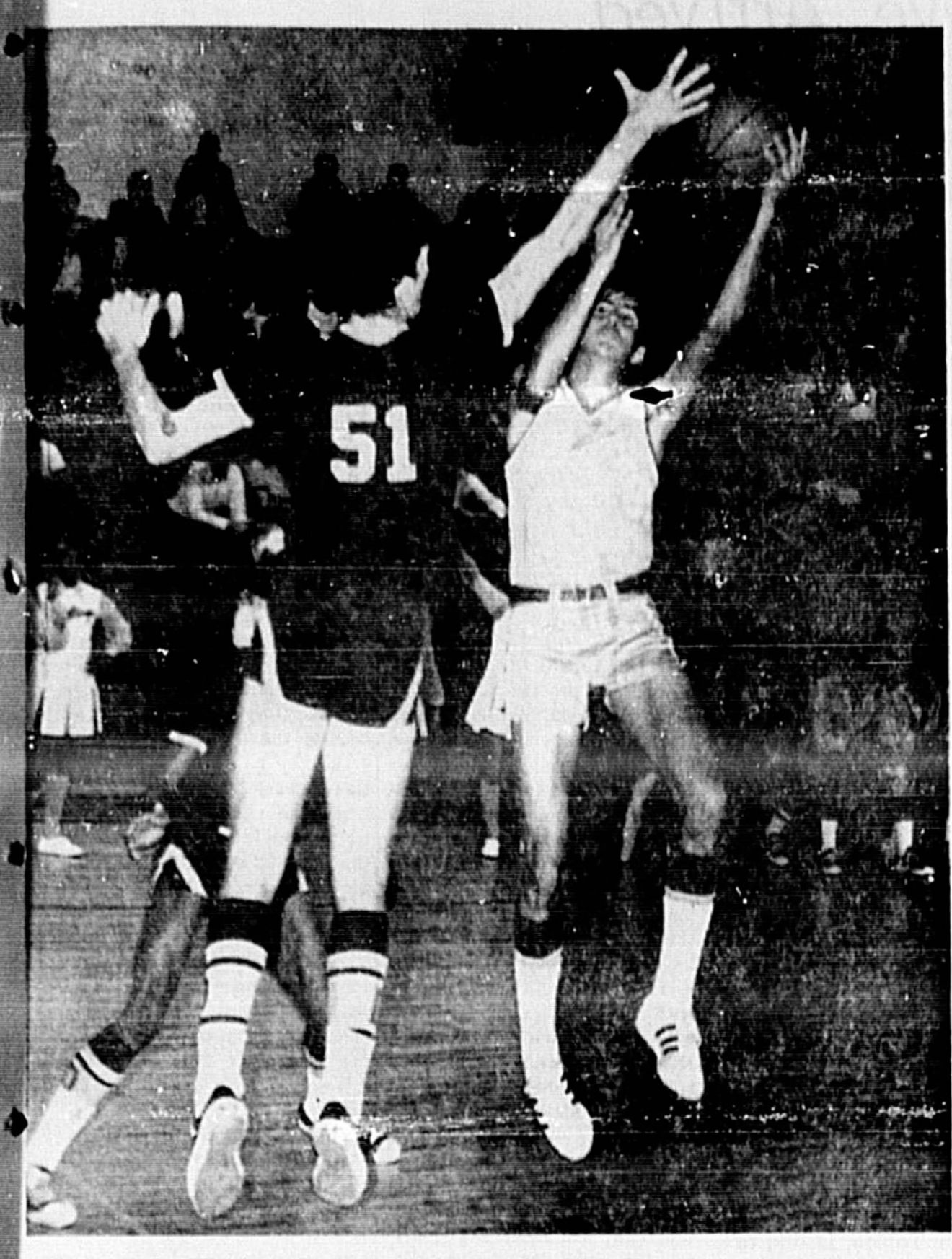
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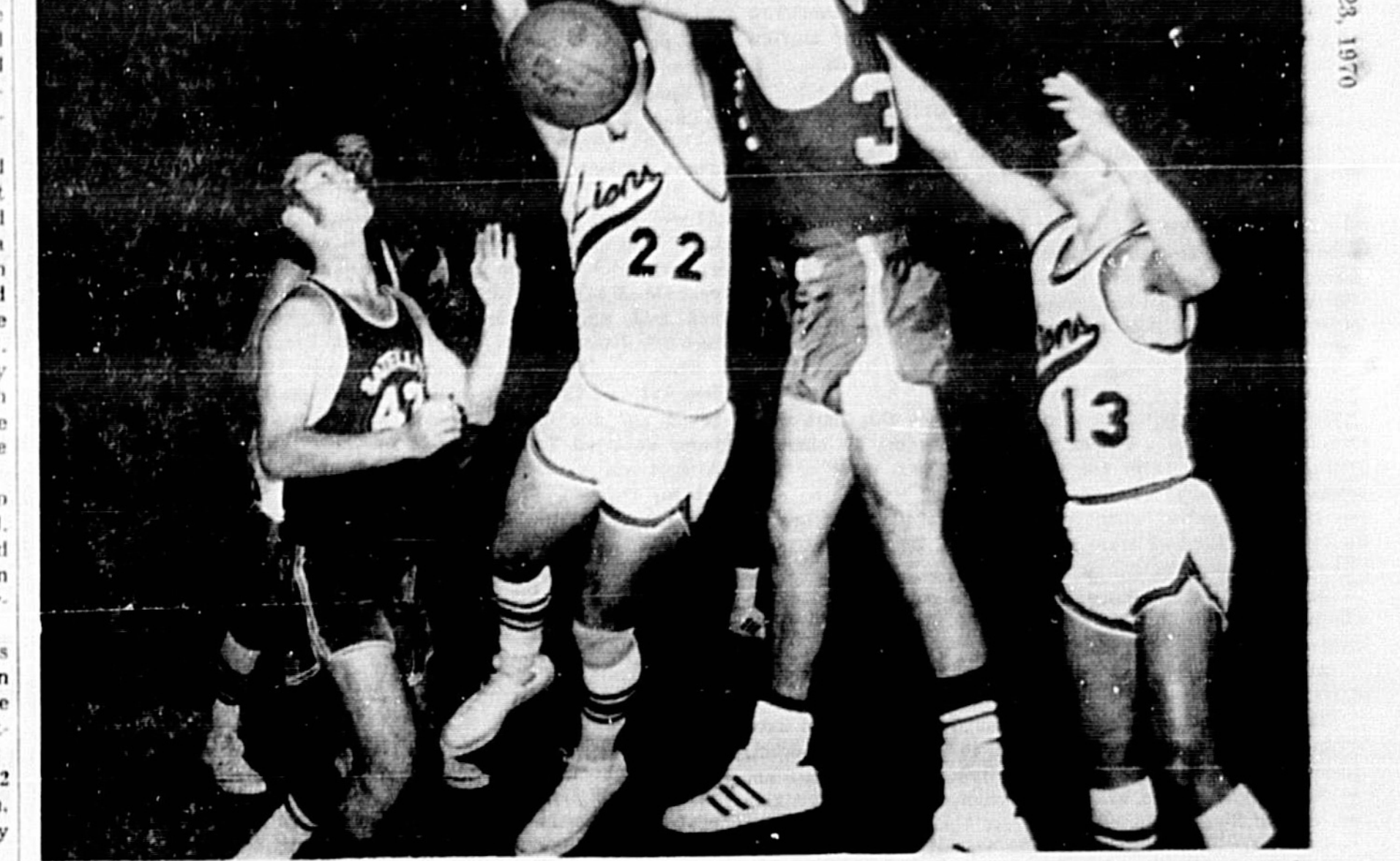


Lyman Stops DeLand In Tournery

By GARY TAYLOR
Herald Sports Editor
Christmas isn't until Friday, but Coach Bill Moore celebrated last night...

Lyman jumped to an early 7-2 lead, mid-way through the first period, but DeLand pulled to within two points by the end of the quarter...

AW, COME ON COACH. These guys are supposed to "think basketball" but don't you think this is carrying it a bit too far, Oviedo's Dick "Lurch" Hollaway (22) appeared to have a basketball for a head for a split second in last night's 43-37 triumph...



HERALD SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table showing scores for various sports including basketball, football, and tennis.

Championship Tilt Tonight
Oviedo Shocks Satellite Beach

MELBOURNE — After three losses the Oviedo Lions finally got back in the winning column and it couldn't have come at a better time as they assured themselves of at least second place in the Melbourne Christmas Invitational Tournament with a 41-37 win over Satellite Beach...

STANDINGS

Standings table for basketball and tennis tournaments.

Wilson of Wynmore passed the scoring of the second tilt with 27 points. Harnett and Wilson also hit in double figures...

Advertisement for Penney's Toyland Cars, featuring 'OPEN til 11 tonight!' and 'NOW \$222 Only'.



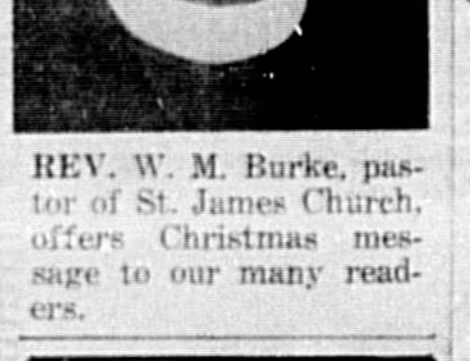
BEGINNERS Class at Allen Chapel as they present the story of the Christmas Tree, its ornaments and then the lighting ceremony.



"MR. SCROOGE", Leroy McClendon, counts his money as Karen Thornton and Jacob Jelks plead for extra cash for Christmas, presentation by Allen's Junior Department.



NONE OTHER than Darryl K. Thomas, the Christmas Ghost as portrayed in "Scrooge vs. Christmas."



REV. W. M. BURKE, pastor of St. James Church, offers Christmas message to our many readers.

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Merry Christmas To All

By REV. W. M. BURKE
ST. JAMES AME CHURCH

As this year draws to a close and the new year approaches, we participate in the Christmas season to celebrate the most eventful incident in all history.

May this be for you and yours a time of gladness and peace.

For the days ahead my wish for you is health, happiness and God's richest blessings in meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead. Think of St. Luke 2:8.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

There is an ancient tradition which has at least some small support from the scholars, which says that the shepherds who kept watch over their flocks that first Christmas Eve were serving under orders from the temple authorities.

The sheep they tended were being cared for in anticipation of the day when they be needed as sacrifices on the altars.

If this be true, then they were tending the finest from all the flocks in the land.

The Temple System was a highly organized affair, with an army of 20,000 priests of various grades and ranks, serving in one capacity or another.

The sacred revenues amounted to many millions of dollars annually, and the sacrificial requirements called for tens of thousands of rams, sheep and oxen every year.

Inasmuch as the ceremonial legislation was extremely a treat, all animals destined for the altars were given meticulous care in order that there should be no question as to their cleanliness.

According to the tradition, the shepherds who cared for the sheep were plain and humble men, who had been chosen for this responsibility because of their piety and their loyalty to the faith of Israel.

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the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, the angels sang their Christmas anthem for the lowest of all the Temple servants.

We should be reminded when the news was broken to Mary that she was to become the mother of Jesus, she burst into song, singing, He has put down the Mighty from the throne, and exalted those of low degree. Luke 1:52.

Throughout the ancient world there was going on what was almost a frantic search for God.

The forums of every great city were crowded with priests and teachers of strange doctrines who asserted that wisdom had been revealed to them from God.

Modern scholars refer to the ancient cult as the mystery religions, though they differ in details, they all agreed on one basic principle. God had his favorites and bestowed divine wisdom and favors on them according to whim.

Jesus brushed all this aside and said. Blessed are the pure in heart.

There was something about the purity of heart of the shepherds which fitted them to receive a revelation from God.

The great good news of the birth of the Babe was not broken to Herod in his palace, or to the high priests in their sacrificial robes, instead it was announced to humble men whose minds were free from evil and hearts were open to the good and pure.

The rich, the powerful, the privileged and the learned were not denied the vision be-

cause of their riches, their power, or their learning.

Had the king on his throne (the privileged in his position), the rich man in his counting house, the learned among his books been a man pure of heart, his channels to God would have been open and the truth would have been to him.

The basic principles still hold, it is the pure in heart—those who are free from pride, conceit, greed, lust, vanity, envy, and malice who really see God and actually experience Christmas.

The shepherds were that kind of men, and angels came and serenaded them with good news of great joy from Heaven.

Not only was it true that the shepherds were men of pure hearts, but they were doing their duty at the moment the cherishing angels appeared with their heavenly music. They were keeping watch over their flock by night.

Perhaps we have overlooked the significance of the fact that the angels sang their first

Christmas anthem for the benefit of a company of at least several shepherds. A group of men who had learned to trust each other and work together.

They might have had different opinions among themselves as to the best way to care for the sheep... but as each one gave his personal opinion, for the sake of group action, they had worked out an effective system of caring for the sheep. AND THEIR FLOCK WAS WELL CARED FOR.

We should love God, love each other and work together and we will have the Christmas Spirit.

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'Once Upon A Time, ...'

By LOUIS CASSELL
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Once upon a time, there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a scrooge. He was a very kind and decent person. He was generous to his family, generous in all his dealings with men.

But he didn't believe all that stuff about an incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I am truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, who was a faithful churchgoer. "But I simply cannot understand this claim that God became man. It doesn't make any sense to me."

On Christmas Eve, his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd much rather stay at home. But I'll wait up for you."

Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier.

"If we must have Christmas," he reflected, "it's nice to have a white one."

He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper.

A few minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his front window.

When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window.

"I can't let those poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?"

Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He quickly put on his coat and galoshes and tramped

through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light. "Food will bring them in," he thought. So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs. He sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flap around helplessly in the snow.

He tried shouting them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction — except into the warm, lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself. "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me."

"If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety."

Just at that moment, the church bells began to ring. He stood silently for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow.

"Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why you want to do it."

And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem — because he was of the house of lineage of David — to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child.

While they were there the days of her confinement were completed.

She gave birth to her

You Sit Back And Wonder

How many times have we observed the happenings throughout the world and wondered, "Is it ever going to change and get better?"

An answer (of sorts) came to us this past week while reading our church bulletin. It featured the thoughts of St. Cyprian, a third century martyr.

"This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden under the shadows of my vines. But if I were to ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know how well what I should see."

On the highways — the armies burning; in the waters men murdered in applauding crowds; selfishness and cruelty and misery and despair under all roofs.

It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world.

But I have discovered in the midst of it, a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life.

They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world.

These people, Donatus, are the Christians — and I am one of them.



The Holy Family.

A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding, that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified.

That men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them, that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season — its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith — may live among us.

That the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

I Come To Proclaim Good News: On This Day A Savior Is Born!

Lk. 2:1-14. In those days Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole world. The first census took place in Syria. Everyone went to register, each to his own town.

And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem — because he was of the house of lineage of David — to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child.

While they were there the days of her confinement were completed.

She gave birth to her

first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged.

There were shepherds in the locality, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them, as the

glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very much afraid.

The angel said to them:

"You have nothing to fear: I come to proclaim good news to you—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people.

"This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes."

Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests."

For what is brought into sharp focus is not only the birth of Jesus Christ, not only the soul-shaking events of his sacred career, but the everlasting message this brought to mankind and is even more needed today than when the angel chorus brought the Good News on that Holy Night.

Enjoy the beauty of the Christmas pageant, thrill to the age-old music which so fills the air during these joyous days. For Christmas is joy, it is promise, it is hope and—it is ours for inspiration for all the days ahead.

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